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CANBERRA FOR RSO

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TAGS ASEC
SUBJ: BOMB THREAT

REF MELBOURNE 1371

1. AT 135PM FRIDAY SEPT 1ST, ACTING PSO RECEIVED PHONE CALL ALLEGEDLY FROM "AGE" NEWS REPORTER WANTING INFORMATION ON OUR BOMB THREAT. CALLER STATED THAT "AUSTRALIAN MALE CALLED 'AGE' 3 MINS BEFORE AND TOLD ME THAT A BOMB WAS IN YOUR BUILDING" AND "IT'S SET TO GO OFF IN 45 MINUTES." ACTING PSO HAD FSL PICK UP EXTENSION AND LISTEN TO REPATED INFORMATION THAT WAS BEING WRITTEN DOWN. CALLER GAVE HIS NAME AS FRED MCNEIL AND PHONE NUMBER OF 600-2211.
2. CONGEN IMPLEMENTED NORMAL BOMB THREAT PROCEDURE, INCLUDING EVACUATION. OTHER BUILDING TENANTS ALSO EVACUATED. WE RETURNED TO PREMISES AT 240PM.
3. COMMONWEALTH POLICE LATER INFORMED A/PSO THAT "AGE" NEVER RECEIVED THREAT CALL NOR DID NEWSPAPER HAVE A "FRED MCNEIL" ON ITS STAFF. TO ADD TO HOAX THE PHONE NUMBER HAD ONE TOO MANY DIGITS AND INFORMATION GIVEN RECEPTIONIST/TELEPHONIST DIFFERED IN THAT SAME

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NEWSMAN WANTED "STORY ON BOMB BLAST THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN YOUR BUILDING."

4. WHILE TRYING TO SORT OUT AVAILABLE INFORMATION VICTORIAN POLICE STATED "SUN" NEWS ALSO HAD CALLED D-24 (VICTORIAN POLICE COMM CENTER) WITH SAME INFORMATION. THIS ALSO PROVED TO BE HOAX AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT IT WAS THE SAME CALLER. LATER THAT EVENING RADIO

STATION 3LO CALLED CONCERNING "STORY ON BOMB HOAX" WHICH THEY WANTED TO USE AS NEWS ITEM AS THEY HAD RECEIVED PHONE CALL CONCERNING IT.

5. POST HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH POLICE, BUILDING MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND OTHER TENANTS CONCERNING THESE BOMB THREATS, A UNIFIED EVACUATION PLAN AND OTHER SECURITY MATTERS.

6. AS A DETERENT BUILDING MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL HAVE SINCE HIRED A TEMPORARY WORMALD SECURITY GUARD TO PATROL ALL FLOORS.

7. CONGEN PRESENTLY PLACING MALE RECEPTIONIST/TELEPHONIST ON DUTY DURING PERIOD 330-430PM WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN TIMES THAT PHONE HOAXES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
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